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JOHN WALTER,
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Hongkong, August 28, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the sum to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Deposit will be supplied gratis a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on the Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal signature of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

NOTICE.

NOTICE.

The Undersigned will Enter into PARTNERSHIP on the 1st January 1887, as Share and General Brokers, under the Style or Firm of "HUGHES & EZRA."

NOTICE.

E. JONES HUGHES,
N. N. J. EZRA,
Hongkong, December 31, 1886. 2429

NOTICE.

D. R. H. KIMBALL will TAKE CHARGE of my DENTAL PRACTICE in Hongkong until further Notice.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER to SIGN Bills of LADING in our Name from this date.

NOTICE.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, November 23, 1886. 2474

Intimations.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE EASTER TERM will Commence on MONDAY, January 10, 1887, at NINE A.M.

NEW PUPILS will be Admitted on SATURDAY, January 8, 1887, at TEN A.M.

O. J. BATTEMAN,
Head Master.

Hongkong, January 6, 1887. 31

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-BOAT COMPANY.

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W. KERFOT HUGHES,
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Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

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INSPECTORS RESPECTFULLY INVITED.

Hongkong, January 3, 1887. 15

NOTICE.

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SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

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D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1886. 1458

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NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG
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Hongkong, June 9, 1886. 597

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Hongkong, January 12, 1887. 66

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Hongkong, December 30, 1886. 2420

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Hongkong, November 23, 1886. 2474

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

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INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George the First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £500 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, July 25, 1882.

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MAILS.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIKON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, POET SAID,

MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

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ON TUESDAY, the 11th January, 1887, at noon, the Compagnie S.S. YANGTSE, Commandant Loemans, with MAIRS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above place.

Cargo as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 10th January, 1887. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 29, 1886.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 11th January, at 3 p.m. Connection being made at Yokohama, and to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Dornarca, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, will be reembarked at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, with a bill of lading for 20% from Return Fare, if reembarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consignee Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco will be sent to the Company's Offices in San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central, C. D. HARMAN,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 21, 1886.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE, BRINDISI, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA & BALTIQUE PORTS;

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 24th day of January, 1887, at noon, the Company's Steamship "NOXIA" (Capt. John Bain, with MAIRS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO), will leave this port as above.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1886.

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MAILS.

To-day's Advertisements.



DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship "Fernosa,"

Captain Hansen, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, the 9th Instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, January 7, 1887.

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A. S. Watson & Co., Limited,

HONG KONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, December 23, 1886.

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The publication of this issue commenced

at 8.05 p.m.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1887.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

JANUARY 6, 1887.—

Asia, Danish steamer, 268, N.C. Rebesch, Haiphong, January 4, General—ARNHOLD, KAHLER & CO.

Atalanta, German steamer, 788, H. C. Thompson, Saigon, January 1, Rice.—SIEMSEN & CO.

JANUARY 7.—

Taiwan, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Formosa, British steamer, 674, H. C. Harris, Taiwan, January 3, Takow 4, Amoy 5, and Swatow 6, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Wellington, German steamer, 728, Wieso, Bangkok December 28, Rice and Wood.—MELCHERS & CO.

Danish Monarch, British steamer, 866, II. W. Borodina, Bangkok December 30, Rice—ADAMSON, BEN & CO.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on Saturday, the 22nd January, at 3

p.m., taking Passage and Freight for

Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Contents and value of Packages are

required.

For further particulars, apply at the

Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN,

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 5, 1887.

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DEPARTURES.

JANUARY 7.—

Hiro, for Shendeh.

Proprietary, for Saigon.

Danube, for Bangkok.

Huahow, for Swatow.

Westward, for Yokohama.

Reutou, for Fushan.

Kwangtung, for Shanghai.

Lore, for Singapore.

Thibet, for Yunnan.

Peking, for Shanghai.

Trivau, for Guan.

Horwander, British corvette, for a cruise.

Wanderer, British gunboat, for a cruise.

CHEARED.

Independent, for Saigon.

Caribea, for Tonkin and Quin-hen.

Signal, for Hoilow and Pakhol.

PASSAGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Asia, from Helsing, 15 Chinese.

Per Ariana, from Salvo, 4 Chinese.

Per Ariana, from Coast Ports, Messrs. Chomoy and Shoffel, and 5 Chinese.

Per Wellington, from Bangkok, 15 Chinese.

Per Denmark, from Bangkok, 3 Chinese.

Per Indochina, for Tonkin, 20 Chinese.

Per Indochina, for Hoilow, 12 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer "Alatana" reports:

Had fine weather and moderate motion down South; from 18° north to port, strong monsoon.

The British steamer "Fornosa" reports:

January 6th, left Taiwan moderate N.E.

winds and fine weather to Takow.

Left Takow on the 4th, fresh to strong N.E.

winds with a gale.

Left Amoy on the 5th, fresh to strong N.E.

THE CHINA MAIL.

perience of those gentlemen in Hongkong and China generally would make them excellent representatives of the Colony. I will take this opportunity of informing the Council that I have also received by last mail a despatch which I am not at liberty to publish for obvious reasons. It transmits a memorandum prepared by the Colonial Defence Committee which was appointed some time ago, containing general instructions to Governors of Colonies, that in each particular colony, of defence should be prepared, so that it may be put into force in the event of an outbreak of war. This has been under consideration for some time, and has no connection with the present state of affairs at all. I may add that most of the recommendations contained in this Memorandum have been carried out long ago by General Cameron. I am instructed to appoint a small standing Defence Committee, composed of not more than five members selected on account of their knowledge and local experience. The duty of this Committee will be the organisation of the resources of the Colony and the preparation of a general scheme of defence on the lines indicated by the Memorandum of the Colonial Defence Commission. With the concurrence of Admiral Hamilton and of General Cameron I propose to appoint the following officers to be members of this Committee:

The General Officer in command of the Troops.

The Commanding Officers of the Royal Engineers and Artillery.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of a Bill entitled the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1889, and explained that this ordinance had been introduced, as the present ordinance clashed with the new instructions which had been sent out respecting the oaths to be taken by the Governor. He explained the change, which is almost purely of a formal character.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded, and the bill was read a second time.

SURVEYORS' FEES.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Council went into Committee on a bill entitled an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 8 of 1879, which fixes the amount of fees to be charged by ship Surveyors. On coming to the ship Honourable P. Ryrie objected to the fee as being too high. The Ordinance says:—For inspecting of vessels under 50 tons and for each additional 50 tons.....\$15 and for each additional 50 tons.....\$15 Hon. P. Ryrie—Your Excellency, I consider that the fee for each additional 50 tons, \$15, is far too heavy. Supposing the Dock Co. were to build a ship of 1500 tons to-morrow, the fees would become very heavy indeed, and they would become much more on a ship of 2,000 tons, for which the Company had the chance of a contract the other day. I don't think \$15 in the first instance is too much; but I think \$5 for each additional 50 tons would be quite enough.

Hon. Capt. Thomsett—I suggested \$15. Don't think \$15 for each additional 50 tons is not all too much. A ship of 2,000 tons would occupy a good deal of the surveyor's time. It is not anticipated that the Dock Co. will build a ship of that size. However, I don't think \$15 is at all too much.

Hon. P. Ryrie—I am sorry to disagree with my friend opp site.

Hon. Capt. Thomsett—The work is in proportion.

Hon. P. Ryrie—The officer makes the survey for public purposes as well as for private. I don't see why you should not have a heavy tax on ship-building, especially when the survey is made for public purposes as in our private service.

Hon. P. Ryrie—It is not likely that the Government would not think \$500 would be too much?

Hon. Capt. Thomsett—Not at all too much. A man who can build a ship of 2,000 tons can afford to pay \$500. The work of superintending a ship of 2,000 tons would be pretty heavy.

Hon. P. Ryrie—He has his salary from the Government.

Hon. Capt. Thomsett—He does not put money into the pockets of Government.

The Chief Justice—Do you know what the rates are at home?

Hon. Capt. Thomsett—No, I do not.

Hon. P. Ryrie—About two guineas, I think five guineas at the outside.

His Excellency—Is there no possibility of getting any information on the point?

Hon. Capt. Thomsett—Yes.

The Acting Attorney General—You will find them in Lloyd's Instructions.

Hon. P. Ryrie—I know that the consideration of this bill will be adjourned until we get further information. That scale appears to me extremely high.

The Acting Attorney General—I beg to second that. Mankind we try to ascertain what the fees are at home.

ADJOURNMENT.

As the Colonial Treasurer was not present, the consideration of the Post Office Ordinance in Committee was left over, and the Council adjourned until this day week at 4 o'clock.

THE MORTALITY IN THE ITALIAN AND FRENCH CONVENTS.

The following documents respecting the deaths in the Italian and French Convents were laid on the table at the Legislative Council meeting this afternoon:—

Memorandum of the Secretary of State, Sanitary Board on the French and Italian Convents.

The Report seems a very able, full and yet concise summary of the important, difficult, and hitherto little understood subject of which it treats. It should be carefully studied in connexion with the remarkable petition presented to the Home Government in 1879 by an influential section of the Chinese Community in Hongkong, and with the learned essay of Dr. E. H. which are both printed at page 445 of the "Correspondence respecting the alleged existence of Chinese Slave-trading in Hongkong," presented to Parliament in March 1882.

Moreover, if it is desired to obtain a thorough grasp of this subject in its true bearings, the Official Student should further make himself acquainted not only with the tenets of Confucius and Mencius, those ancient Legislators and Philosophers, whose laws and ethics are still the living guides of the Chinese, but also with the principles of the old Roman institution of the *Patria Potestas*, with which the immortal "Patriarchalism" (as it has been termed), or Family Organization of Chinese Society, so closely corresponds. The adoption of the old Romans, and of the Chinese of the present day, who still adhere to the laws and customs of their ancestors more than two thousand years ago, have been confounded by persons who look to empirical and apperception rather than to intrinsic and real resemblances and analogies, with Slavery, in the modern and technical sense of that word. But all who have mastered this question know that the Adoption and Domestic Service of the Chinese, are derived from the primitive and patriarchal institution of the *Patria Potestas*; whereas modern slavery of the Negroes and of other coloured peoples, is founded on the theory of the old Greek Philosophers, who,

two Convents, out of the total number brought in, is about the same as the percentage of saved in similar institutions in Europe.

The Sanitary Board might be inferred that, if they will appoint a medical man to be in attendance day and night at the Convent for a week or month, to take note of the cases brought in, every facility will be given him, and his directions most carefully attended to in every instance.

About the defective state of the drainage, etc., I have nothing to say, only that the sisters are too poor to go into such expenses.

(Signed) J. BUCHONNIER,
Pro. Vice.

Reports by the Colonial Surgeon.

I have inspected these babies often, the great majority of them are brought in, in that moribund condition, or so ill nurtured that they are all but hopeless cases. The great majority are also female children, and all, if not received into the Convents, would be found on the hill sides (as many are already dead). The greatest possible care and attention are given to them and I know of nothing better that can be done for them by the sisters than is done in the Convents.

P. B. C. AYRES,
Colonial Surgeon.

30th November, 1886.

II.

The great mortality is not among the infants generally but among infants received in both Convents. These in most cases are suffering from Trisomia when received, a disease caused by exposure to rapid changes of temperature, insufficient clothing and defective ventilation, such as are to be found in the crowded houses of the lower classes of the Chinese and amongst the boat population. The case of a child when once the attack has well set in is hopeless. This is common in all tropical climates. These infants die at all hours, day and night, mostly naked or wrapped only in old rag or paper, save one case in the French Convent mentioned; it had been received an hour previously. In another case the patient had just died and had been received only three quarters of an hour. No medical attendance would have been of any service in either case. These were the only cases here at the time of my inspection. In the Italian Convent were two more cases, both in a hopeless condition, for which medical assistance would have been of no avail. If these cases are to have medical attendance, a resident Medical Officer would be required in the Convent. It is not a difficult task. The Chinese in St. Kilda, among the British Island, this disease carries off 64 per cent. of the children born there. It would be impossible for any medical man to do any good among the Chinese, for nothing would be heard of a case until it was hopeless or dead, and it is not to be wondered at that, considering the condition of the lower classes of Chinese in their houses and boats so many children die, but that so many live.

P. B. C. AYRES,
Colonial Surgeon.

December 30th, 1886.

CHILD ADOPTION AND DOMESTIC SERVICE IN HONGKONG.

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